

REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 8-11, 20 and 23-31 are all the claims presently pending in the application. Claims 1-6, 20 and 23-29 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-12 of U.S. Patent No. 6,426,512.

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's rejection. However, to speed prosecution, submitted herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer (and fee) under § 1.321 to expedite prosecution of the present Application, thereby rendering moot the rejection.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that claims 1-6, 8-11, 20 and 23-31, all the claims presently being examined in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in fees or to credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully submitted,



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